(c) what was the quantum of wagons for which orders were placed by the Railways during 1994-95;

(d) whether it is a fact that despite a surge in demand for wagon no orders have yet been placed by the Railways for the year 1995-96, throwing the wagon industry on the verge of closure from April 1, 1995; and

(d) whether Government are aware that apart from throwing the Railways freight movement plans out of gear, this would adversely affect livelihood of more than 1,50,000 wokrmen and their families, connected with wagon building industry and its ancilliaries?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The peaking of traffic during January—March leads to time leg between demand and supply of wagons.

(b) Orders were placed for 12000 wagons in terms of four wheeler units.

(c) and (d) Acquisition of wagons is need based. Accordingly 12000 wagons in terms of four wheelers have been provided for in the 95-96 Budget Of these, 1200 four wheelers are for Railway Workshops and balance 10,800 wagons (4-wheeler units) will be ordered shortly on wagon industry. In addition, sizeable quantity of wagons are likely to get added under Own Your Wagon Scheme.

Allotment of bookstalls to unemployed graduates

4657. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government under their letter Nos. 75/TG. III/461/19 of 15th November, 1975 and 82/TG. III/461/5 of 6th February, 1985 had decided that bookstalls on new passenger platforms, which were constructed/added on or after 1st January, 1976 would be awarded to unemployed graduates;

(b) if so, what are the details of such bookstalls allotted with the names of stations zone-wise;

(c) whether Government vide their letter No. 88/TG. III/461/4/CA III of 4th May, 1989, had imposed some restrictions for allotment of bookstalls to unemployed graduates on those new passenger platforms constructed or added on or after 1st January, 1976; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Touts in railway reservation office at Ernakulam

4658. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many unauthorised agents, anti social elements and blackmarketeers in the rail reservations were arrested by Railway Protection Force, Railway Vigilance during the last three years at Ernakulam Railway Junction year-wise details thereof;

(b) how many arrests and raids did take place with details thereof including the date, number of personnel arrested, number of bogus reservation tickets seized, the amount of money used to purchase these tickets seized and other relevant details;

(c) whether it is a fact that these agents are being assisted by the counter reservation employees and other railway personnel;